**MANIFESTO**

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Broad-brush Government planning initiatives overlook issues pertinent to Broadmeadows. These include an extremely high incidence of driving charges in the area, including speeding, agression, violence, alcohol and substance abuse, and youth gangs.

There is a rich cultural undercurrent to the area.

**The Programme.** What is built relates to and impacts, the entire suburb.

**Security.** Wall, fence, public and private space, and gradation from private to public. Nooks and unpolicable spaces and wide open spaces. The *bystander effect*. Provide for community help centre and role model clinics. *Broadmeadows idol.* What kind of space can all people interact in and give the perception of safety? *The gateless front fence.* The role of the current church. *What happens in Faith City?*

Design manifesto

**GREEN GRASS, GOLD ROOTS initiative:**

**Reviving the Greenhouse, Community Pride and Living Simply**

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A lack of community in Broadmeadows is evident from a simple conversation with a family in the street. The family speaks to me from behind the fence, as if to clarify the boundary line; about multicultural conflict, gang violence, speeding and substance abuse. The outer-suburbia is a tapestry of social problematic as well as speedily-erected housing from the 60’s and 70’s and deficient urban infrastructure*.* The result? A wholly unplanned social and system, segregated, with much of its population uneducated and lacking any sense of community.

Melbourne is facing the problem of mass displacement and societal marginalization if it does not provide an opportunity for low-income earners to remain in their current homes. Government-funded initiatives, though few, exist to support existing societies living close to the city. Rising land prices in Broadmeadows and ensuing gentrification will add a new polarity to the demographic. New transport infrastructure, housing types, job opportunities and social activity will be necessary to promote the proliferation of this new community. An intervention; a monument to multiculturalism; a model of an energy-efficient lifestyle through community design and opportunity is a possible future for Broadmeadows.

The proposal is for three epicenters of community: a residential, green commercial and Permaculture Institute through a community garden, passive greenhouse and multicultural restaurant corridor. All existing structures will be retained and converted into carparking space, providing for a pedestrian thoroughfare and commercial at ground level with the new residential units above. The mini-city will breathe through passive Greenhouses, providing work for a largely illiterate community, opportunity to learn about gardening through the Institute, which will support the on-site generation of produce for diverse cultural restaurants and market.

**Generative Principles**

1. On…Sprawl…CONTAIN
2. On…Population growth…CREATE FLEXIBLE TYPES
3. On…Stressed infrastructure…PROVISION FOR BICYCLES, MAKE CARS LESS LESS NECESSARY, BROADEN PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE, SAVE WATER

Architectural concerns: Wall, fence, public and private space, and gradation from private to public. The *bystander effect*. *Broadmeadows idol.* *The gateless front fence.* *What happens in Faith City? Cohousing and Community Ownerwhip.*

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